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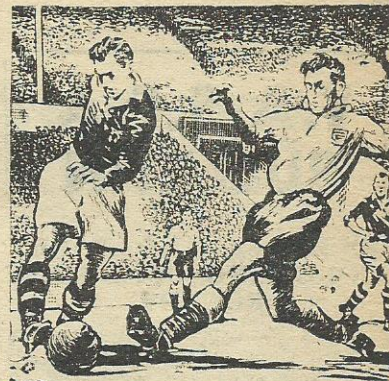


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GEELONG FAN IS CONVICTED AFTER OLYMPIC PARK SCENE

A CHILDISH demonstration by a small group of youthful spectators was directed against the referee at Olympic Park last Sunday after the J.U.S.T.-Geelong match.

The disturbance began four minutes before full-time, when linesman Lamb signalled a Geelong attacking move, which ended with the ball in the net from a well-placed drive, as offside.

Bottles and stones were thrown at the linesman by supporters in the outfield; but after a trooper intervened, the match was completed.

Geelong players took this and other setbacks with sportsmanlike good grace; but, as soon as full-time was signalled, about 100 youths, a handful of the crowd of 6,000 fans at the game, surged on to the field. Police escorted the

officials to the race-way, but linesman Lamb was punched several times before reaching the shelter of the dressing-rooms.

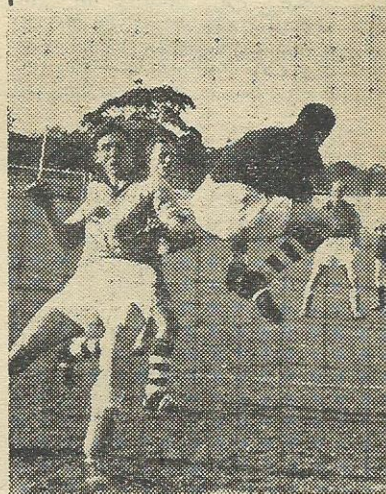
Twenty minutes later, after the main body of the crowd had left the park, half-a-dozen disgruntled supporters tried to break into the dressing rooms through a back door, and were restrained by uniformed and mobile police who had arrived to help clear the ground.

Two men who resisted the police were taken into custody, but the remainder of the crowd, several hundred spectators, showed their displeasure by jostling the police officers, enabling one of their prisoners to escape across the car park.

On Monday, John di Pietro, who described himself as a Geelong supporter, was convicted for having behaved offensively in a public place, and received the maximum sentence of one month's imprisonment.

[See Editorial on page 2.]

Johnny on the spot



JOHNNY SLADE, Polonia's goalie, took no risks with this shot — he got well up and behind it. Rein Yntema (left) is disappointed. Henry Capobus (centre) is satisfied.

Certain Lions spectator watches alone. Gets so excited he goes through all the motions whenever a hard-pressed player's kicking the ball. Name: Mr. Zabadosz, long-time fan.

DIVISION 2 club Yallourn have signed a centre-forward, Machen, from Adelaide. Last Saturday, Yallourn pivot, Porritt, was sent off at Royal Park 15 minutes from the end, but the club hope to have Bathgate and Neundlinger (both injured) back in the team soon.

V.A.S.F.A. BULLETIN

DOCKERTY AND HARRY ARMSTRONG CUPS FIRST ROUNDS.

NEXT Saturday the first rounds of both Cups will be played. All club secretaries are requested to finalise arrangements with opposing clubs in relation to club colours, directions to ground, etc.

Any match drawn after 90 minutes' play shall have extra time of 15 minutes each way played. In the event of no finality after 120 minutes of play, the match shall be replayed at a future date.

All scores must be telephoned to the Secretary of the Association after the conclusion of each game. All scores will be cabled to England before 6 p.m. Telephone BJ3557.

Because of the pressure of space last week, full details of the addresses of clubs out of the Metropolitan area participating in the Dockerty Cup competition were not published, and so here is the full list:

BONEGILLA A.S.C.: Secretary, V. Kostromin, Bl. 19, C.I.C., Bonegilla, Vic.

AMPOL S.C.: Secretary, R. Todorovic, c/o Milos Motors, Melbourne Road, Wodonga, Vic. The Ampol Club play at Martin Park, Wodonga. Any club which meets either club is requested to contact the respective secretaries without delay.

NEWBOROUGH UNITED: Secretary, P. Cooke, 37 Western Ave., East Newborough.

BENDIGO UNITED: Secretary, W. Clayton, 16 Finn St., Bendigo.

MOE UNITED: Secretary, W. Wood, 32 Alexander Ave., Moe. Tel. 498.

S. Beaton.

Secretary, V.A.S.F.A.

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BOBBY McFEETERS, who has returned to Scotland, was presented with a travelling clock in the form of an engraved soccer ball by his club, Moreland, after the match with Box Hill last Saturday. Both clubs and their supporters joined in wishing Bobby bon voyage.

THIS MUST STOP!

THE shameful antics of supporters who cannot or will not follow the example of their players in accepting the decisions of officials is always a deplorable sight. The manly way in which Geelong's players accepted discouraging adversity, made the disturbance created by a small band of youths after last Sunday's game seem even more idiotic than usual.

Referees are ordinary men like ourselves. They go out on to the pitch with only one idea in mind — to do their very best toward controlling the game as fairly and as impartially as is humanly possible.

The man doesn't live who can see everything that takes place in a football match. There is not a man in existence who can interpret everything that he does see instantly without ever making a mistake. And there has yet to be born the official who can make any one of his decisions agree with every one of the 6000 individual "decisions" of the "unofficial grandstand referees."

If referees continue to receive hostile treatment from irresponsible spectators, we may yet see extreme and regrettable eventualities — a nasty incident in which an official, a player, or an innocent bystander is seriously hurt, or perhaps a mass resignation by referees.

In any case, "Soccer News" suggests that it should become the required standard practice for players to form up after every match and escort officials from the pitch.

And, incidentally, isn't it queer how publicity channels, which ordinarily have neither time nor space for soccer, can find front page space for two days, editorial mention, and radio time on every news session for what was, after all, a minor disturbance at Olympic Park in which no damage or injury was caused?

And isn't it queer how the stupid antics of a small crowd of over-enthusiastic supporters becomes, in the Press liaison room at Police Headquarters, "a menacing crowd of 1000"?

And no mention at all of the disapproving silence of the main body of 6000 peaceful soccer fans?

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Letters to the Editor

WHY KEEP IT QUIET?

Sir. — We have four points to make.

(a) Why are the points awarded by the referees for the "Argus" Best and Fairest Medal, presented by Bill Fleming, kept such a big secret?

If "Soccer News" published the points awarded and their aggregate each week, it would instigate and stimulate more interest among soccer followers, as well as show spectators and players, how the referees appreciate good players in particular games.

Let us lift this unnecessary "iron curtain" on points awarded for the best and fairest player.

(b) There seems to be a complete lack in "Soccer News" of news about soccer in other States — as if they are some far-away overseas countries!

It could surely be arranged to publish Division 1 results from other States every week, and occasionally print their tables to give Victorian enthusiasts a general picture of the progress in the whole of Australia.

Soccer is a universal football code and not something that has its metropolis in Melbourne.

(c) Couldn't referees' names be given with the fixtures?

(d) In line with overseas publications, "Soccer News" should publish goalgetters every week and their aggregate throughout the season.

Congratulating you on a good effort and hoping that these suggestions may be of help.

Yours, etc.,

J. RADOVINOVICH and Z. DANILO.
2 Lyne Grove, W. Brunswick, Vic.

[Re Point (a): We agree, but the Referees' Association has this matter in hand, but has not as yet reached a decision on this year's Medal.

Re Point (b): Again we agree, but lack of space and co-operation from other States prevents interstate coverage.

Re Point (c): Referees' names are not known in time for publication.

Re Point (d): We are trying to arrange for weekly goalgetters.]

Now a letter from the Editor . . . to all the club scribes who send information to 80 Kooyong Road.

Many thanks for your co-operation. We're being swamped with your letters, and consequently we're able to pack "Soccer News" with a fair representation of club gossip. But, still supporters are writing in for more! which shows they are keen.

We've had many suggestions, and it seems most people would like to see the goal-scorers printed in "Soccer News" every week. So let us have them. You'll see we've made a start by including the Division 1 scorers this week, with the results on Page 11.

Most of you are doing a conscientious piece of work and I know your clubs are bound to benefit by it.

To those of you who haven't bothered to fill in the team sheets we sent you at the beginning of the season, we ask you, for your club's sake, to fill them in and

send them to me by Tuesday at the latest each week. Main thing to tell us is your team for the next match. We want to know your club news, too.

So far, "Soccer News" has sold out every week. And, therefore, in an effort to meet the growing demand, we are going to push up our circulation again, as from next month.

If clubs want extra copies, get in touch with the distribution officer: Mr. Morrie Buckner, 562 St. Kilda Road, Melbourne. His 'phone number is Windsor (LX) 4414.

Please remember, Morrie is the chap to contact, not me. And don't send your "Soccer News" payments to me either. The man you want is treasurer Tony Kiburg, 308 Lygon Street, Carlton (FJ2366). And cheques should be made out to "Soccer News," not to a person.

Once again, a sincere thanks to you all — and keep it up!

LIONEL PICKERING (Editor).

Novak out for six weeks

ACCORDING to evidence before the Disciplinary Committee, player Novak, of Lions, was heard to threaten a Heidelberg opponent, and later charged the man violently in the back. He collected a six-week's suspension.

Player Freddie Marks, Maccabi outside left, who was sent off the field for allegedly punching a Victorian Colts player in their match at Olympic Park, pleaded not guilty and explained that his opponent was "laying on" him heavily and obstructing, and he merely pushed him off. The committee may have felt that, if Marks did not punch as alleged, he must have at least used "excessive force" to have caught the eye of the referee, and handed out a reprimand.

Captain Out.

The Disciplinary Committee awarded played Costa, captain of the Juventus Reserves, four weeks' suspension when he was found guilty of violent conduct — kicking

a Moreland player — in a Showgrounds match a fortnight ago. Costa may appeal.

Player Parltoni, on a charge of attempted kicking arising out of the same match, drew a reprimand.

When the Fuchs brothers, of Bayswater, disagreed with Referee Kamsner orally and physically, they triggered the scene which caused the abandonment of the Bayswater-C.S.R. match when officials and spectators joined the argument on the pitch.

E. A. Fuchs drew a 3-weeks' suspension for obscene language, and A. H. Fuchs went out for ten weeks for language, plus his action in pushing the referee, when they fronted the Disciplinary Committee last week.

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Out with Preston for the first time since last season, Norm Burgoyne showed up well at centre-half against South Melbourne last Saturday.

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THE REFEREES' PAGE



This is the third of a new series by a top referee which will iron out many of the tricky problems that occasionally trip up referees as well as spectators. This week he writes about the referee who "leans" on his linesmen,

DON'T DO IT--face up to your responsibilities

HOW often have you seen a referee, especially when a goal has been scored, give way to the pleas of the defending side, and go over to a linesman despite the fact that he, the referee, has been better placed to see if there has been an infringement or not?

This sort of thing is all too common. And, really, it does referees no credit. For by doing this, the referee is using his linesman as a "get out" and is not facing up to his responsibilities.

Let me give you one case I saw.

A player was brought down in the penalty area almost under

the referee's nose and immediately the official awarded a penalty. Members of the defending side then surrounded him in protest and, as a result, the referee went over to consult the linesman.

And though he confirmed his decision that it was a penalty kick, I thought he could have left the linesman out of it. Being right on the spot when the foul occurred, he should have accepted full responsibility and not attempted to place the onus on the linesman.

Here the referee showed definite weakness.

If there had been any doubt whatsoever, he should have consulted the linesman first. Having awarded the penalty kick, he showed only too clearly that he himself was perfectly satisfied.

Now I turn to an incident in

another game, of which I have been told. It appears the referee became entangled with the ball, promptly blew his whistle and restarted the game by dropping the ball.

This is what my correspondent says:

This, surely, is quite contrary to football law. It has always been accepted that if the ball strikes the referee and goes into the net the decision is a goal. Why should the referee stop the game like this?

Frankly, I agree with the referee, even though, strictly speaking, this correspondent's statement may be correct.

Nonsense!

The referee, bear in mind, has full powers to use his discretion when faced with anything not expressly covered in the rules.

It is a matter of opinion whether or not it is expressly "covered in the rules" that the referee should award a goal if the ball goes into the net off his person.

But I take the view that it would be far more satisfactory if the referee acted in the same manner as the one just referred to.

I am glad to hear of a referee who has the courage of his convictions in refusing a side any advantage because the ball has been kicked against him.

It is sheer nonsense to argue that a referee should not have the power to disallow a goal scored in such circumstances.

Incidentally, it must be 20 years since I heard of a case of a goal being scored in important football through the ball being diverted into the net by a referee.

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EDITORIAL (2).

Publicity counts

THESE facts are self-evident. If soccer is to grow, it must get publicity. If publicity is to be obtained, the Press must get the news. If news about clubs and players is available, it must come from club executives.

Do club executives want publicity?

Yes! They howl for it. They winge about the lack of it to anybody who will listen.

Do club executives do anything about it?

No! They are either indifferent, neglectful, or downright lazy!

Take last week as an example. Most of the First Division clubs were plagued by injuries. Yet not one single item was voluntarily given to the Press.

The Association's publicity officer, who happens to write soccer for a daily newspaper, made 17 telephone calls to clubs on Thursday and Friday, and failed to get a single word about who was injured or who would replace them. He received his first factual information at 6.30 p.m. on Friday night.

Compare this with mid-week pages of the same newspaper dealing with Rules football. Two pages filled with items like these:

"INJURED TOE worries star."

"... follower trains hard but

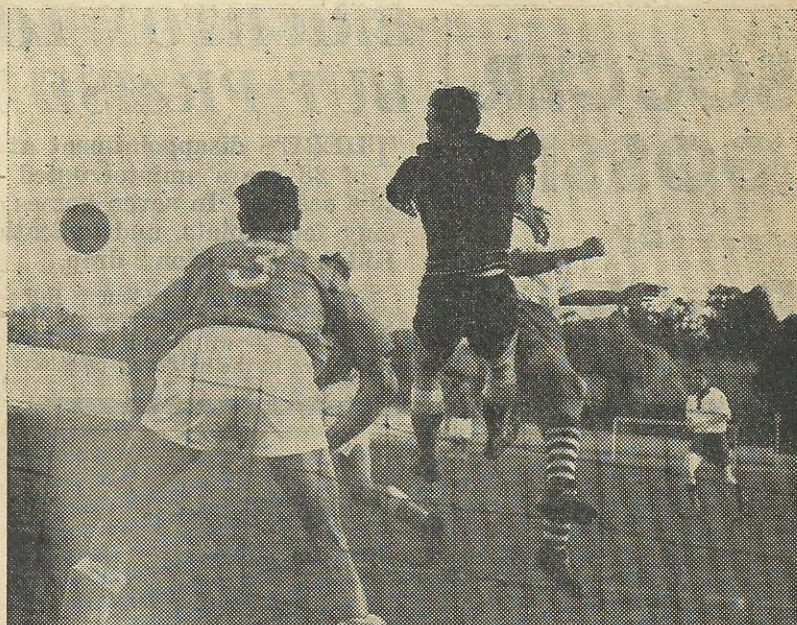
ELBOW STILL SORE."

(Continued in next column).

Irish train tomorrow

A PRACTICE match has been arranged for Ireland's World Cup team at Moreland's ground, Campbell Reserve, for to-morrow, May 19, at 2.15 p.m.

All Irish players are requested to report to the dressing rooms at 1.30 p.m.



JOE RUYTER clears safely from a corner kick in last week's Wilhelmina-Polonia game at Olympic Park. Cor Mathysen (No. 3) crouches in the goalmouth, while Johnson, up with Ruyter, looks regretfully after the ball.

"... half-back in doubt ... because of ILLNESS."

"Leading goal-kicker could not train ... BRUISED KNEE."

These are actual quotations from dozens of the same kind of trivia. But what newspaperman was told, until after two frustrating days and nights on the telephone, about Zablocki, Schwartz and Bialek of Polonia; McIntosh, Sutherland and Sacco of Hakoah; Thomas and Cullen of Brighton; Cook and Gottschlich of Slavia; and the rest?

Club executives are not the only culprits. Council sub-committees are equally neglectful. As a prime example, we offer the fact that, 10 days after the official trainer of the Victorian State Squad was seriously injured in a motor car smash, our publicity officer heard about it in casual conversation.

So-called publicity officers must either wake up, or hand over to others who are alive to the news.

Silence does not beget publicity!

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• CONGRATULATIONS to Vic. Police's leader, T. Power. He became a father on Mother's Day! It's a girl.

"DAY OFF" ORDER TO STATE TEAM

TO avoid listless performances by over-taxed players, members of the Victorian State team selected to play against the Hungarian team, Ferencvaros, on Sunday, July 7, will not be permitted to play in League matches on the previous day, Saturday, July 6.

This was decided by Council last Monday night, and the ruling includes the State's reserve players.

However, in order not to penalise league teams whose players have been selected, any club which has more than one player in the State team may apply for a postponement of its fixture listed for the Saturday in question.

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ST. ALBANS, slipping in the Metropolitan North championship race, give "old-timer" Milenkovic — last year's junior team manager — a game in the first team to-day. He'll play full-back.

SOCCER GOSSIP

By
Ron Ford

BRIGHTON LOOK BOOKED, BUT PRAISE THE CHAMPS

THERE'S disappointment at Brighton. Their proud run of 28 years' uninterrupted Division 1 service could end this season. In seven games they've had five defeats and only four points, and indications are they could join Box Hill in the Division 2 drop.

Says genial president Bill Thomas: "We didn't expect much this season — we hoped to finish somewhere in the half-way position

— because Brighton are going through a transitional period. We're team building and far from settled.

"But three defeats by the odd goal have knocked some of the stuffing out of the boys. Their spirit is still tops, but we desperately need a win to bring back our confidence."

Last Saturday, Juventus whipped them, 4-0; but, says Bill: "No excuses for that — Juventus were great. The best side we've met. The champs. are settling down now and, believe me, they'll take some stopping. They are no longer a clever bunch of individuals, but a starless team — and, my, what a team!"

Brighton, with four first-teamers on the injured list, were not entirely satisfied with newcomer inside-left Lazlo Nagy's game last Saturday. Nagy, an Hungarian League player, was not satisfied with his play either.

"It was my first match for some time," he said, "and I was not nearly fit enough."

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Gino Spadaro dropped out of the Juventus executive committee at the end of last season, but he found it impossible to remain simply a spectator. He is back in action and is more or less in charge of the club's Reserve team.

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ST. ALBANS' right-back Schleder got engaged the day of the C.S.R. game, so he stood down from the side. In his place: Ron Stolk — newly wed!

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Coburg United say that this season Division 3 is "way out in front for real honest endeavour." Coburg money-raising dates for the equipment fund are: June 8, a picture night at Pascoe Vale Progress Hall; and July 6, dance at Buffalo Hall, Victoria St., Coburg.

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N.S.W. want our teams as "gate-boosters"

THE N.S.W. Soccer Association wants a leading Victorian team to visit Sydney each Sunday to play a match against a N.S.W. team.

N.S.W. Association secretary W. Orr made the proposals in a telephone call to Victorian Association secretary Stuart Beaton last Sunday.

The invitation is an attempt by the N.S.W. Association to restore "gate" attendances, which have fallen off considerably since the Federation breakaway.

The Victorian Association will consider the application when official correspondence confirms the request.

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WHAT happened to Port Melbourne last Saturday? They ran away to a 17-0 win at G.M.H.'s expense in the Metropolitan South, and notched the season's biggest victory. Yet the Port managed to find the net only 11 times in the six games before that rout!

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Brighton's inside-left skipper-coach Joe Lachman is out before sunrise several times a week . . . fishing. Thinking of taking the team along, for, says Joe: "If they're clever enough to catch fish, they should be good enough to land a couple of points!"

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Hayduk presented a bunch of gladioli tied with red, white and blue ribbon to Frankston skipper, Owen Piggott, before their game last week. And Frankston went on to become the first team to take the points from Hayduk this season!

No holding Melbourne

HUNGARIAN side Melbourne are certainly blazing the goal trail. They've scored 61 goals in seven games — 30 more than any side in the league. Leading the way is Voros with 17 goals, and close behind is Bukkos with 15, and Vass (11). Anybody beat that?

Say Ferntree Gully, beaten 13-0 by Melbourne last week: "What a team! Hope to take advantage of the lesson we were given. Thanks, and good luck, to Melbourne — get into that First Division as soon as possible.

"It seemed bad for our goalkeeper John Lacunes, but he was in great form and looked more like a diving champion!"

New pivot George plays a corker for Prahran—at 62!

PRAHRAN tried a new centre-half in their reserve side against Footscray recently, and according to secretary Doug Flett he "played a corker." The find: treasurer George Willis — a 62-year-old!

Can expect anything from a club with the Prime Minister as patron. Like this: German-born goalkeeper Alf. Meisal travels 65 miles from Puckapunyal every week to play for the reserves.

That's two surprises. Another is to knock Slavia Reserves out of the cup with their second team. Say Prahran: "Our motto is 'Get rid of the big shots first and it's easier in the final'."

Harry Riley, reserve inside-left, scored a hat-trick against South Yarra last Saturday to increase his lead as Prahran's top scorer. Inside-right Curly Milburn also notched three in the same game.

Back with the club is Ralph Walker, Best and Fairest Medal winner in Northern Territory last season. He's played for Australia, Victoria and New South Wales. He's also a centre half . . . which means that battling George Willis will have to train hard if he wants to make the first team!

Got that dance ticket yet?

GET cracking if you want to go to the International Committee's cabaret dance. It's at the Prahran Town Hall to-night (7.30). A continental buffet has been laid on and there's also national dancing by Scottish, Greek, Yugoslav and Polish groups.

There's only a few tickets left. Some will be sold at the door, but to make certain ring Bill Lawrie on JW 7565.

BRIEFLY . . .

• LIONS' praise for young Michael Wirt, lifted straight from last year's junior side into the first team this season — and holding his place.

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• RICHMOND say Tony Jukowski and Fred Stephanon, back last week for the first time this season, have lost none of their old skill. They had been fruit picking Mildura way.

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• FIT again after six weeks out with a knee injury: Tom Mitchell, Prahran reserves' skipper.

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• HANS PETERSEN, Brighton centre-forward for three first-team games, has been transferred to Hakoah.

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• MR. M. ELLUL has succeeded Mr. D. Puli as George Cross treasurer.

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• LEW BAKENS, who was with Wilhelmina last season has rejoined the Dutch club from Box Hill.

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• MELBOURNE have signed Hungarian First Division pivot, J. Csardas, who has played against Russia and Italy. Quote: "He's really great!" And two more players are due to sign for Melbourne any day now.

Division 1 review by Morrie Buckner

J.U.S.T. STILL THERE — BUT LUCK'S WITH THEM TOO!

J.U.S.T. continue to hold the leadership of the First Division with an unbeatable combination of good football — and lucky breaks.

After a series of four odd-goal wins and a draw, their luck held last Sunday when, in one of the most exciting matches this season, Geelong failed to score with a penalty kick, then later were chagrined to have a good scoring move, with the ball finishing in the net, ruled offside.

J.U.S.T.'s single goal also came from unusual circumstances which could be said to favor them. With Geelong's defence hesitating out of position and waiting for the linesman's signal, which never came, as to who was entitled to a throw-in, the quick-thinking Lolly Vella grabbed the ball and threw in from yards down the touch-line without challenge. The ball was passed to the unmarked Linari, who belted it into the net.

J.U.S.T. Outpaced.

This was the first time that I have seen the speedy J.U.S.T. forward line outpaced. Joe Sabidussi beat "racehorse" Lolly Vella several times in speed duels, and right full-back Gennari was equally fast. With goalie Penzo dragging his right leg, which was injured early in the game, it was only the speed of the full-backs which kept J.U.S.T.'s "Terrible Trio" in check.

J.U.S.T. club officials will no doubt want to know why I have been emphasising their "luck" rather than their good football. I can only point to the record of their last six matches. They won five of them with one-goal margins, and drew with the sixth, with a goal aggregate of 13 for and 8 against.

Compare this with Wilhelmina's record against the same six teams. The Dutchmen also won five and drew one, but with the far more convincing goal

percentage of 22 for and 5 against.

However, Wilhelmina will find to-day that penetration of the J.U.S.T. defence — Lucian, Brenner, Rakic and Gungl — is the toughest proposition that they have yet been called upon to face and, considering the fast and clever football played by both sides, this could be the match of the season.

Moreland continued their winning run with a runaway 5-1 victory over Box Hill. Without wishing to draw off any of the credit from the remainder of Moreland's players and coach, I am beginning to wonder whether that tireless, goal-sparking, galloping ghost,

Jackie Wilson, provides a link between Brighton's decline and Moreland's rise.

If Hakoah fail to solve their team personnel problems soon, they might have to submit to a few more thrashings like the 4-0 one handed out to them by Slavia last week. Waiting for wet weather to slow down one's opponents can be fatal — and a drought can be prolonged in more ways than one.

Most interesting move on the League ladder was the rise by Juventus from eighth to fifth place after their 4-0 win over Brighton. The manner in which they won offered definite signs that last year's premiers are on their way back to form.

"Picnic games" invite from Newborough

MELBOURNE clubs: if you want an outing, Newborough Utd., the Latrobe Valley leaders, will be glad to oblige next season. By then they'll have a new ground, and they're anxious to meet Melbourne clubs for "picnic games."

The man to contact is assistant-secretary Arthur Hill, 4 Gould St., East Newborough, Gippsland.

Newborough — they're situated between Yallourn and Moe — entered the Latrobe Valley Association only two seasons ago, and hold the League Cup, the Marek Trophy, the Battle of Britain Cup, and the Advertiser Shield. They are also top of the table.

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Top four should show their strength today

FIRST round of home and away games concludes to-day in Division 2 with four of the leading contenders playing each other (writes Des Hamilton).

The results could go any way

and have a big bearing, not so much on the league table, but on the second round.

Hellenic, who are putting in giant strides, meet George Cross, and a win over the Maltese will bring them well into the running; but George Cross seem to be improving every week and will be very hard to beat.

New Leaders?

If Yallourn can win or share the points with South Melbourne at Yallourn, then a successful George Cross will take over the coveted league leadership.

South Melbourne may have a tough time, for their two draws in their last two games have been lucky escapes. With Yallourn badly in need of points, South Melbourne will have to improve to complete the round undefeated.

Sunshine City could beat Prahara to get out of the danger zone, but South Yarra and Footscray do not appear capable of escaping against Preston and Richmond.

JUNIOR NOTES

THIS season the Junior World Cup series is again to be part of the Association's programme (writes Barry Matthews).

The competition consists of players under 21 representing national teams. The winning team will receive the Borsari Cup.

Players may be registered as seniors or juniors provided they meet the age requirement.

Applications to sponsor teams must reach the secretary by June 12. Referees are also needed for these games, which will be played on Sunday, July 7 (kick-off, 2 p.m.).

Stan Kovacs has scored nearly 20 goals for Essendon this season. Last week-end he secured a hat-trick against Wilhelmina, and on Sunday bagged another three, against the Referees' Association. Stan has scored five hat-tricks in all this season.

Club delegates, please note: there is to be a general meeting of the Junior Association on Wednesday, June 12, at the Savoy Theatre (8 p.m.).

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ROSEBUD AND POLICE MAY CHECK THE HIGH SCORERS

Melbourne's clash with the powerfully built Victoria Police team to-day should consolidate Melbourne's position at the top of the ladder. However, if the Police team combine their vigor with

close-marking, they will severely test unbeaten Melbourne (says Don Sutherland).

Rosebud — strengthened by the return of honeymooner Morris Morsenkoof — will face a confident Port Melbourne. But home ground advantage, and the opportunism of leader Kipping, may just tip the scales in Rosebud's favor.

Sandringham City, still experimenting in an endeavour to find a goal-getting forward line, face a hard task at Brenock Park, where they meet the Dutch team, Fern-tree Gully, who are still smarting over their 13-0 defeat by Melbourne last week.

Croatia and Wilhelmina should account for G.M.H. and Pascoe Vale respectively.

Next week will see the first round of the Dockerty Cup, and the metropolitan league teams are confident of their ability to shock some higher-division clubs.

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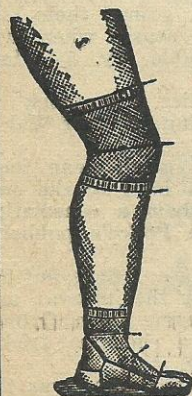
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TEAMS FOR THIS WEEK-END

AT Press time, clubs had short-listed the following players in their line-ups for the matches this week-end:—

DIVISION I

BRIGHTON v. Geelong, at Geelong.

long.
Scott or Williamson; McCartney, Sirach; Kotatko, Saico, Waitzer; Engelbogen, Garrett, Finlay, Peterson, Thomas, Lackman, McKenzie.

GEELONG v. Brighton.

Penzo; Gennari, Sabidussi; Pangrazio, Salvalaggio, Spaziani; Anderson, Scalamera, Boz, Tognon, Trentini. Reserve: Varrasso.

BOX HILL v. Juventus, at Showgrounds.

Stow; Van der Piet, Paterson; Nelson, McLeod, McClelland; T. White, Henigan, Morrow, Testee, Celms. Reserves: Paton, Slaats.

JUVENTUS v. Box Hill.

Vitti, Picinich, Guardiani, Kassai, Saico, Lacatos, Novasleisch, Plateo, Saico, Toth, Parlatoni, Weinber, Zavattier.

POLONIA v. Hakoah.

Slade; Capobus, Zablocki, Jakubowski; Plekan, Pedzimaz, Lawrie; Wemyss, Czerkaski, Rubini, Vonnagy, Strahan, Swoboda, Schwartz.

HAKOAH v. Polonia.

Vitti or van Egmond; Jack, McIntosh; Thomas, Sutherland, Harburn; Neuhold, Sacco, Carroll, Blakely, Piercy, Reichelder, Egger.

SLAVIA v. Moreland.

Barotajs; Terek, Vacirca; Glenzie, Petherick, Reinbold; Bell, Gotschlich, Cook, Gotesman, Copeland, Dickson.

MORELAND v. Slavia, at Moreland.

Hobson; McColl, Innard; Kyle, Stott, Goodman; Oxtan, Hodgson, Newman, Loughram, Wilson.

WILHELMINA v. J.U.S.T., at Olympic Park.

Ruyters; Waldeck, Mathysen; Remmers, Raatjes, Olifiers; Sloothaak, Luyten, Yntema, de Bruyckere, Schipperheyn, van Dyck.

J.U.S.T. v. Wilhelmina.

Lucian; Brenner, Gungl; Apologno, T. Vella, Rakic, Jakus, Kolaric; E. Vella, Cubero, Ardner, Lunaro, Teuben, Vidovic.

DIVISION II

YALLOURN v. South Melbourne, at Yallourn.

Blunt; J. Saxelby, Stephens; Weir, Porritt, Lichtnecker; Lobley, McLean, Machen, H. Saxelby, Ostlund.

SOUTH MELBOURNE UNITED v. Yallourn.

Camilleri; Eagleton, M. James; Forsythe, Thompson, Guy, Annersley; G. James, Budgen, Denny, Macleod, Ritchie, Jordon.

RICHMOND v. Footscray City, at Surrey Park, Burnley.

Pfeiffer; Bieg, Wenzlaff; Duerboeck, Engler, Stramm; Folk, Stegner, Jurkowsky, Stefanon, Adleschulte.

FOOTSCRAY CITY v. Richmond.

Pissani, Kempleman; Macintosh, Baker; Randall, Hamilton, MacFadden; Whitehouse, Weston, Rielly, McLoud, Rice. Reserve: Middlemiss.

PRESTON v. South Yarra, at Preston.

Bugeja; Schranz, Henderson; Brim, Burgoyne, Rabel; Cunningham, Noy, Brunnbauer, Kopfchar, Berner. Reserve: Black.

PRAHRAN CITY v. Sunshine City, at Como Park.

Brown; Morgan, Hoolohan; Zugmeister, Walker, Sturgeon; Fair, Carter, Davidson, Blewitt, Yates. Reserve: Bolton.

GEORGE CROSS v. Hellenic, at Princes Park.

Mannering; Gruppetta, Jayes; D'Amato, Farrugia, Hathaway; Catania, Muscat, Zammit, Cachia, Debono. Reserve: Catania.

DIVISION III

FRANKSTON v. Fiorentina, at Frankston.

Albers; Bierman, Pastischnyj, Schreuder; Mack, Wilkes, Wren, Piggett; Heath, Richardson, Zelst, Lymer, Betts.

PARK RANGERS v. Dandenong.

Harris; Key, Matthews, Moat; Collett, Stephenson, Starrett, Irvine; West, Moran, Cassells, McKenzie, Power, Kenny.

FIorentina v. Frankston.

Manduca; Fabris, T. Cerni; Marinucci, Colombo, Teiri; C. Cerni, Diblasio, Vanzella, Monaco, Vaini. Reserves: Aaripoli, Giaghacovo, Sinicato.

METROPOLITAN NORTH

BAYSWATER v. Fairfield.

Kayser; Seegets, Gunter, Beilharks, Fridus, Fuchs; Wied, Steller, Truberger, Weller, Steller. Reserve: Bulach.

ST. ALBANS v. I.C.I., at St. Albans.

Miller; Schlede, Milenkovic; Winkler, Simonis, Törner; Berger, Landherr, Stolk, Beller, Suttman. Reserves: Goettlicher, Svaganovic.

METROPOLITAN SOUTH

MELBOURNE v. Victoria Police, at Yarra Park.

Petyansky, Zsoemboer, Szalay, Kutassy, Czardas, Voros, Urban, Bukkos, Vass, Bior, Zolnay, Sandor.

SANDRINGHAM CITY v. Ferntree Gully, at Ferntree Gully.

Schenck; Bartolo, Haycroft; Emery, McQuaigue, Sutherland; Gardiner, Hyndman, Jordan, Dawson, Saunders. Reserves: Cantwell, Young.

FERNTREE GULLY v. Sandringham City.

Laeunes; Saes, Hofstee; Franken, Gebbink, De Kort; Holtrop, Peeters, Douwsma, Korten, Roelofs. Reserves: Rykelykhuizen, De Rooy, Steginga.

Newborough Just There

Joint leaders in the Latrobe Valley League, Newborough Utd. and Morwell, met at Morwell last Saturday in "the match of the year."

United took the lead after 20 minutes through centre-forward, Reg. Prince, and increased their lead immediately after half-time.

But Morwell fought back and reduced the arrears with a well-judged header by the centre-forward.

Newborough held out, however, and the final score was 2-1.

Newborough are now eagerly awaiting their Cup opponents, Pascoe Vale. "We'll give them a big welcome," says assistant secretary Arthur Hill.

BIGGEST WIN.

Victoria Police, the Metropolitan South side, gained their biggest win of the season when they beat Pascoe Vale by 7-1 last Saturday.

But the Police are quick to praise the fighting spirit of 'Vale's youngsters.

"They played good, clean football and fought hard to the end, which earned them a consolation goal," says the Police's publicity officer.

Grimer, Hanna and Saxe put the Police 3-0 up by the interval, and further goals came from Grimer (who completed his hat-trick), Hanna and Day.

A feature of the game was the fine corner kicks of Police winger, H. Dixon.

RESULTS AND FIXTURES

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

DIVISION 1.

Wilhelmina v. J.U.S.T.
Hakoah v. Polonia.
Moreland v. Slavia.
Juventus v. Box Hill.
Geelong v. Brighton.

DIVISION 2.

Prahran v. Sunshine City.
Preston v. South Yarra.
Yallourn v. South Melbourne.
George Cross v. Hellenic.
Richmond v. Footscray City.

DIVISION 3.

Moorabbin City v. Coburg.
Maccabi v. Yarra Park.
Frankston v. Fiorentina.
F.N.D. v. Sunshine United.
Hayduk v. Vic. Colts.
Park Rangers v. Dandenong Rovers.

DIVISION 1 RESERVES.

J.U.S.T. v. Wilhelmina.
Polonia v. Hakoah.
Slavia v. Moreland.
Box Hill v. Juventus.
Brighton v. Geelong.

DIVISION 2 RESERVES.

Sunshine City v. Prahran.
South Yarra v. Preston.
South Melbourne v. Yallourn.
Hellenic v. George Cross.
Footscray City v. Richmond.

DIVISION 3 RESERVES.

Sandringham City v. I.C.I.
University v. Moorabbin City.
Park Rangers v. Heidelberg.
Fiorentina v. Dandenong.
Maccabi v. Coburg.
Lions v. Sunshine United.

METROPOLITAN NORTH.

Lions v. Heidelberg.
St. Albans v. I.C.I.
C.S.R. v. University.
Bayswater v. Fairfield.
C. Fert. v. Williamstown.

METROPOLITAN SOUTH.

Vic. Police v. Melbourne.
Wilhelmina v. Pascoe Vale.
G.M.H. v. Croatia.
Rosebud v. Port Melbourne.
Ferntree Gully v. Sandringham City.

NEXT WEEK'S

DOCKERTY CUP.

First Round.

Newborough United v. Pascoe Vale.
Bendigo United v. Rosebud.
Brunswick v. Box Hill.
Moe v. Brighton.
Dandenong Rovers v. Fiorentina.
Heidelberg v. Bayswater.
George Cross v. Bonegilla.
Ampol-Wodonga v. C.S.R.
Maccabi v. Sunshine United.
Melbourne v. G.M.H.
Prahran v. Moorabbin City.
Preston v. Lions.
Richmond v. C. Fert.
South Melbourne v. Port Melbourne.
Park Rangers v. Vic. Police.
F.N.D. v. Ferntree Gully.
Coburg v. Hayduk.
I.C.I. v. Footscray City.
Frankston v. Yarra Park.
Yallourn v. Croatia.
University v. Fairfield.
Sunshine City v. Williamstown.
Sandringham City v. St. Albans.
Hellenic v. South Yarra.

BYES INTO SECOND ROUND.

Wilhelmina, Geelong, Moreland, Slavia,
Juventus, Polonia, Hakoah, J.U.S.T.

HARRY ARMSTRONG (RESERVE) CUP.

First Round.

Slavia v. Prahran.
Wilhelmina v. Geelong.
J.U.S.T. v. Preston.
Dandenong Rovers v. South Melbourne.
Heidelberg v. George Cross.
Sandringham City v. Yallourn.
F.N.D. v. Footscray City.
I.C.I. v. Sunshine United.
South Yarra v. Polonia.
Hakoah v. Moreland.
Richmond v. University.
Park Rangers v. Brighton.
Coburg v. Hellenic.
Box Hill v. Moorabbin City.
Sunshine City v. Juventus.
Maccabi v. Lions.

RESULTS

DIVISION 1.

Wilhelmina 3 (Oliker, de Bruyckere, Yntema), Polonia 0.
Brighton 0, Juventus 4 (Plateo 2, Weinber, E. Saico).
Slavia 4 (Bell 2, Glennie, Gottesman), Hakoah 0.
Box Hill 1 (McColl o.g.), Moreland 5 (Goddig 3, Hodgson, Wilson).
J.U.S.T. 1 (Lunari), Geelong 0.

DIVISION 2.

South Yarra 2, Prahran 4.
Footscray City 0, George Cross 3.
Hellenic 3, Yallourn 2.
South Melbourne 2, Preston 2.
Sunshine City 1, Richmond 2.

DIVISION 3.

Yarra Park 4, Park Rangers 2.
Maccabi 5, Moorabbin City 0.
Brunswick 0, Sunshine United 0.
Vic. Colts 5, F.N.D. 0.
Dandenong Rovers 2, Coburg 2.
Frankston 2, Hayduk 1.

DIVISION 1 RESERVES.

Wilhelmina 1, Polonia 4.
Juventus 10, Brighton 1.
Moreland 6, Box Hill 0.
Hakoah 2, Slavia 1.
Geelong 2, J.U.S.T. 4.

DIVISION 2 RESERVES.

Prahran 4, South Yarra 2.
George Cross 5, Footscray City 1.
Yallourn 3, Hellenic 1.
Preston 1, South Melbourne 1.
Richmond 2, Sunshine City 1.

DIVISION 3 RESERVES.

Moorabbin City 3, Lions 4.
University 2, Sandringham City 3.
Heidelberg 2, Dandenong 4.
Coburg 0, Fiorentina 2.
Sunshine United 3, I.C.I. 0.
Park Rangers 1, Maccabi 4.

METROPOLITAN NORTH.

I.C.I. 1, Lions 1.
Williamstown 3, Bayswater 1.
Fairfield 1, C.S.R. 0.
University 1, St. Albans 0.
Heidelberg 7, C. Fert. 1.

METROPOLITAN SOUTH.

Pascoe Vale 1, Vic. Police 7.
Sandringham City 2, Rosebud 3.
Port Melbourne 17, G.M.H. 0.
Croatia 2, Wilhelmina 2.
Melbourne 13, Ferntree Gully 0.

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HOW THEY STAND

DIVISION 1.

Team.	P	W	D	L	Goals F	A	P
J.U.S.T.	8	7	1	0	20	11	15
Wilhelmina	8	5	1	2	22	8	11
Slavia	8	5	1	2	20	13	11
Moreland	7	4	1	2	16	10	9
Juventus	7	2	3	2	12	10	7
Hakoah	7	3	1	3	7	11	7
Geelong	7	1	4	2	7	7	6
Polonia	8	2	1	5	13	16	5
Brighton	8	2	0	6	8	17	4
Box Hill	8	0	1	7	3	25	1

DIVISION 2.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
S. Melb.	8	6	2	0	17	8	14
Geo. Cross	8	6	1	1	18	6	13
Yallourn	8	3	3	2	22	14	9
Richmond	8	3	2	3	13	11	8
Preston	8	3	2	3	16	13	8
Hellenic	7	4	0	3	13	12	8
Prahran	8	3	2	3	15	18	8
Sunshine C.	8	1	2	5	10	16	4
F'scray C.	7	1	2	4	10	18	4
S. Yarra	8	1	0	7	9	27	2

DIVISION 3.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Yarra Park	8	6	1	1	30	11	13
Hayduk	8	5	2	1	15	8	12
Maccabi	8	4	2	2	19	12	10
Sunshine U.	8	4	2	2	20	14	10
Dandenong	8	3	4	1	19	15	10
Frankston	8	4	1	3	16	13	9
Brunswick	8	3	3	2	14	12	9
Coburg	8	3	2	3	10	9	8
Vic. Colts	8	3	0	5	20	18	6
Park R.	8	3	0	5	12	17	6
Moorabbin	8	0	2	6	11	32	2
F.N.D.	8	0	1	7	2	27	1

METROPOLITAN NORTH.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
I.C.I.	8	4	2	1	20	10	12
W'town	8	6	0	2	23	22	12
Lions	8	4	1	3	32	12	9
St. Albans	8	4	1	3	20	14	9
Bayswater	8	4	1	3	21	17	9
University	8	4	1	3	14	13	9
Heidelberg	8	3	2	3	22	16	8
Fairfield	8	3	1	4	13	19	7
C.S.R.	8	2	0	6	15	23	4
C.F.C.	8	0	1	7	7	41	1

METROPOLITAN SOUTH.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Melbourne	7	7	0	0	61	9	14
P. Melb.	7	5	0	2	23	11	10
Vic. Police	8	4	2	2	25	11	10
Ferntree G.	8	3	3	2	19	25	9
Croatia	6	3	2	1	15	9	8
Rosebud	7	4	0	3	29	17	8
Wilhelmina	8	3	2	3	30	33	8
S'ham C.	7	2	1	4	13	15	5
Pascoe Vale	8	1	0	7	10	41	2
G.M.H.	8	0	0	8	5	64	0

DIVISION 1 RESERVES.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Polonia	8	6	1	1	23	10	13
Juventus	7	6	0	1	31	9	12
J.U.S.T.	8	5	1	2	18	11	11
Moreland	7	5	0	2	24	8	10
Wilhelmina	8	5	0	3	19	21	10
Geelong	7	4	0	3	21	12	8
Hakoah	7	3	0	4	10	12	6
Brighton	8	2	0	6	9	36	4
Slavia	8	1	0	7	12	30	2
Box Hill	8	1	0	7	11	29	2

DIVISION 2 RESERVES.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Geo. Cross	8	7	1	0	29	9	15
S. Melb.	8	5	1	2	26	10	11
Richmond	8	4	1	3	23	15	9
Prahran	8	3	2	3	19	15	8
Yallourn	8	3	2	3	17	14	8
Preston	8	3	2	3	16	16	8
Sunshine C.	8	3	2	3	16	19	8
Hellenic	8	2	2	4	11	14	6
F'scray C.	8	1	2	5	4	23	4
S. Yarra	8	1	1	6	6	32	3

DIVISION 3 RESERVES.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Lions	8	7	0	1	30	12	14
Sunshine U.	8	6	1	1	15	9	13
Dandenong	7	6	0	1	21	7	12
S'ham City	8	5	1	2	13	12	11
Coburg	8	4	2	2	19	10	10
I.C.I.	8	5	0	3	17	16	10
Maccabi	7	4	0	3	16	11	8
Florentina	3	3	0	0	22	0	6
Heidelberg	8	1	1	6	11	27	3
Park R.	8	1	1	6	10	35	3
M'abbin C.	8	1	0	7	15	30	2
University	8	0	2	6	10	30	2

Olympic Park Programme

HERE are the matches which will be played at Olympic Park during the first half of the season. The rest of the games will be published in "Soccer News" later this season.

MAY.

- 18—Wilhelmina v. J.U.S.T.
- 19—Hakoah v. Polonia.
- 25—Hakoah v. Juventus
- 26—Hungary v. Scotland; Ireland v. Yugoslavia.

JUNE.

- 1—Hakoah v. J.U.S.T.
- 2—Italy v. Austria; Australia v. Croatia.
- 8—Polonia v. Juventus.
- 9—Holland v. England; Greece v. Malta.

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BROTHERS ON THE TARGET.

Reader out at Sunshine points out we made a blue last Saturday. Says G. Collard, not Colbart, got five goals — not six! — for Sunshine City's under 20's against Essendon. And adds that Collard's younger brother, playing for Sunshine's under 13's, was also on the target. He got five, too!

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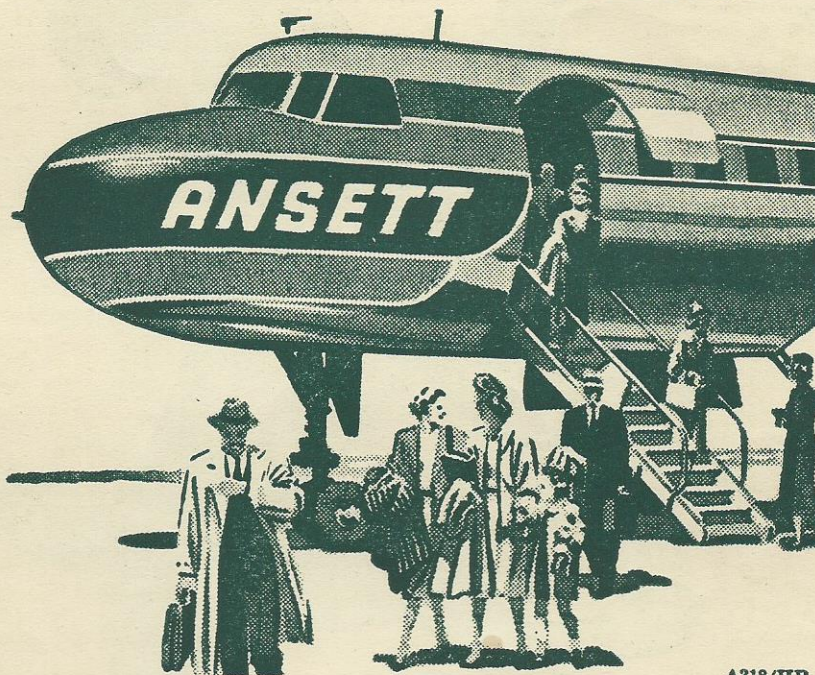
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